

Library Resource Guide

What is EIU Country Data?

Economist Intelligence Unit Country Data is a comprehensive source of economic indicators and forecasts for more than 150 countries. It is fast, easy to use, and is a powerful database of macroeconomic data. *EIU Country Data* gives you access to 317 economic series - more than 700,000 individual data points - with data going back to 1980 and forecasts to 2006. *EIU Country Data* will easily download into Excel and it provides charts and segment reports.

When Should You Use EIU Country Data?

When you need:

- Annual, quarterly, or monthly time series data for countries worldwide, in tabular or chart format.
- Economic one to five-year forecasts.
- To screen countries by economic variables.
- To group countries based on economic and demographic variables.

To Connect to EIU Country Data

1. Go to the *Management Library web page*, available at: www.library.cornell.edu/johnson.
2. In the **Top Business Databases** pull-down menu, scroll down to and click EIU Country Data.

Features of EIU Country Data

EIU Country Data:

- Provides economic data on 317 variables for more than 150 countries and 45 regional aggregates. These include monthly, quarterly and annual time series back to 1980.
- Provides annual forecasts for most variables out five years.
- Includes "Presets" – pre-prepared *Key Forecasts*, *Economic Snapshot* and *Latest Data* tables.
- Allows you to create customized tables by selecting countries or regions, economic series, and date range.
- Allows you to identify countries meeting certain criteria via the "Screen Countries" function.
- Allows you to group countries based on economic and demographic variables via the "Segment Countries" function.
- Toggles between data tables, charts and graphs of your data.
- Easily exports data tables into an Excel spreadsheet.

Need More Help?

Reference help is available in the library, via e-mail (mgtref@cornell.edu) or by telephone: 255-3389.

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Sample Search #1

Retrieve Historical Data

Find 20 years of consumer price index data for Japan.

1. On the EIU page, click the **Data Selection** tab from either the left or top of the screen.
2. The first screen to appear will be the *Choose/Edit Countries* area. From the available list, click the box beside **Japan**.
3. From the top of the screen, click **Choose/Edit Series**. Click the + next to **Fiscal & Monetary Indicators**; click the + next to **Inflation & Wages**, then click the box for **Consumer Price Index (1996=100)**.
4. From the top of the screen, click **Choose/Edit Years**. Click **2000**, scroll down to 1980, hold down the **shift key** and click **1980**. The complete range of years should now be highlighted. Click the **Select** button.
5. Click **View Tables** or **View Charts** to view your data. In both the Table and the Chart options, you may toggle between *monthly*, *quarterly*, and *yearly* data.

Sample Search #2

Economic Forecasts

Find a key economic forecast for Mexico.

1. On the EIU page, click **Trash** on the top menu bar to clear previous selections.
2. On the EIU page, click **Presets**.
3. Select **Key Forecasts** from the menu. Select the box beside **Mexico**.
4. Click **View Tables**.

Sample Search #3

Screen for Countries Meeting Specified Economic Criteria

Identify countries whose per capita GDP has grown by >5% in the past year, but whose inflation rate has stayed below 5%.

1. On the EIU page, click **Trash** on the top menu bar to clear previous selections.
2. Click **Screen Countries** on the top menu bar.
3. Select **All Countries**. Click **OK**.
4. Click **Real GDP growth per head**. Type **5** in the **Minimum Value** box. (Note: values are in %) Click **OK**.
5. To limit your set further, click **Add a criterion**.
6. Click **Consumer prices (% change)**.
7. Type **5** in the **Maximum Value** box. Click **OK**.
8. Click **See the List**.

Viewing, Printing, and Downloading Instructions

1. To **view**: EIU Country Data tables, charts and graphs can be viewed on your computer through your browser.
2. To **print a table**: Click on the **printer icon** on the bottom menu bar of the table display. This will open a new window with your table formatted for printing. This print version of the table will include a *legend* and *notes*.
3. To **export a table** – click on the **Export** icon on the top menu bar. Choose the appropriate type of format and click the Export button.